

## **LGBT+ Alliance meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - Paycare House George Street Wolverhampton.**

**Present:** Ashley Williams, Davina Maitland, Ruth Wilson, Arti Karinth, Candice Gordon, Richard Woods, Stuart Malpass, Richard Beard, Kate Beale, Kevin Rogers, Will Cooling, Dee Sohal, Kelly Walker-Reed

**1) Welcome** – KWR welcomed members

**2) Apologies:** Jo Eckersley, Jo Patel, Adam Burns, Adam Dewitt-Bukater, Ben Howley, Catherine Loosemore, Gary Stack, Natalie Lynch, Cllr Simon Bennett, Cllr Anwen Muston.

**3) New Officer required** - KWR advised that JE has resigned as Alliance Secretary due to work commitments. Alliance will be seeking a volunteer for secretary. JE estimates that about six hours per month is required. Volunteer should contact KWR

RB agreed to be new Vice Chair. RB offered a short bio and was warmly welcomed by the meeting.

### **4) Matters Arising**

**Matters Arising - Membership** This will be discussed later the agenda

**Matters Arising – Yoga** - RW will be leading on this. This will be a new service offered by the Alliance important that the Alliance can offer direct services to LGBT+ people

#### **Matters Arising - Pride 2018.**

Pride 2018 had been postponed.

Brief discussion about the reasons for this and future work.

Richard Beard – Intention to organise a bigger and better pride in 2019 intention to:

- bring in more young people
- people to “come out” at event
- to start now for event during warmer months
- Outdoors

Discussion around date of Pride. Possible suggestions Early May Bank Holiday to be around the same time as Birmingham Pride. To be when students are in attendance and during the warmer months.

Suggestion to hold on the Early May Bank Holiday - Weekend of 11th May

Action –

- KWR to check with WC re-universities involvement with Pride 2019
- KB to support re-funding
- SM and KB to meet re-crowdfunding website

### **Matters Arising - Membership**

There are ongoing discussions about membership. Anwen Muston had suggested that a fee required by the Alliance for groups to join would dissuade some Third Sector Organisations and some individuals from joining

RW indicated that he thought it would be advisable for the Alliance to move away from membership towards an arrangement whereby corporate organisation could sponsor the Alliance and have the logo appear on the Alliance website.

KWR described the idea of a new kind of membership, a “supporter membership.” This would be for individuals and be free.

Discussion around sliding scales of support bronze, silver, gold, platinum.

RW suggested that various levels of membership could also be offered in relation to support for LGBT+ issues and accreditation offered to those organisations in relation to their support of LGBT+ issues

**Action – Membership, RB, RW, KR, KWR to meet and discuss further**

## **5) Project Give**

KWR described the work that Project Give was doing to reduce the stigma associated with period poverty. Project Give was targeting high schools with boxes of sanitary items. Project GIVE is an inclusive cause.

**GIVEmas Fayre** - being organised on 8<sup>th</sup> December at Lighthouse 12pm to 4pm for public.

- Gorgeous FM booked
- Santa/Mrs Santa will be there
- Belly dancers
- Singers
- Kids activities
- Films
- Stalls available
- KWR looking for support to publicise this event.

Organisers want to hand out leaflets on the street to publicise the event but query re required registrations.

Action SM to find out who gives this permission at the council if it is a council permission that is required. Update: contact [anita.chonk@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:anita.chonk@wolverhampton.gov.uk)  
tel: 01902 554963

DS indicated that would find out whether young people would attend and participate in the Fair.

Discussion re-requesting support from supermarkets for handouts of sanitary products

KB requested that copies of logos for Project Give and the LGBT+ Alliance be sent to her so that she can begin process of acquiring funding for the Alliance and for Pride.

Action KWR

## 6) Quiz

The next quiz will be 5<sup>th</sup> December 7pm at the Prince Albert pub

KWR requested that people find and send her prizes for the event

A poster will be drawn up by Ricki from The Prince Albert and

**Action** - KWR will circulate this to group members so that they can further advertise the event

## 7) Pride 2019

Discussed further as WC arrives

Pride steering group members will consist of WC, AW, KWR, DM and RB. Invite sent to wider Alliance via email.

WC advised that project management of pride 2018 had been too diffuse and that a better way of approaching project management for next year's event would be to break up budget management into three areas

1. March
2. daytime events
3. evening events.

WC advised that the University is happy to host the event in the main Chancellor's Hall which has a license and the Arena Theatre is now equipped with cinema and so it is possible for films to be shown during the event.

Discussion as to the date of the event Early May Bank Holiday was discussed.

SM commented that if the event was held in May this would create the same problem which had precluded organising a successful Pride in 2018 i.e.

insufficient planning time. It was recognised however that the event would benefit from being held during one of the warmer months and particularly when students were in attendance. RW was clear however that the most successful LGBT+ Pride event would go well beyond that for students only and in fact some young people would not wish to attend a Pride event that was principally for students. Important to arrange the most inclusive Pride resources allow.

Shorter discussion around possible sponsors:

- Marston's
- Cadburys
- Asda
- Sainsbury's

KWR to send out invite for Pride meeting - 2pm, 19th December, Paycare House

DM will be attending - bring cake it's her birthday!

## 8) AOB

DS from YouthZone indicated that there was an arts lead evening event Thursday 22nd of September 4pm to 9pm for 8 to 12-year-olds at "The Way"

WC advertised a video produced by the University on micro-aggressions and this will be shown in the Chancellor's Hall on the 6th December. Will invited colleagues who would wish to speak during this event to make themselves known to him.

**Discussion re-the role of the DWP is on the LGBT+ Alliance.**

Agreed that DWP could greatly benefit from working with the LGBT Alliance who can offer training to DWP staff so that they are able to better support LGBT+ claimants going through a claims process.

KR advertised availability of free meeting room facilities at Pay care House to 3rd sector organisations to help them organise.

This was welcomed by LGBT+ Alliance members and by other organisations who are part of the alliance.

## **LGBT+ History Month – University celebrating**

WC indicated that the University will be celebrating LGBT+ history month in February with a range of events. If people would like to speak or have some other input into the range of events, please contact him.